

Joseph Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Joseph was the son of Samuel Smith and Mary (Hopkins) Smith and the grandson of Ralph Smith who arrived in Eastham about 1654. Joseph was born in Eastham in 1671. Joseph does not appear in the Eastham marriage or death records. Joseph is an example of a third generation Eastham resident who received a significant amount of land with just two 1715 land grants.

1715

Granted to Joseph Smith and his heirs about twenty-six acres next to the way that went from the land of John Collins towards Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T237.

Granted to Joseph Smith a wood lot next to the lot of James Higgins on the eastern side of the way to Billingsgate. The lot ran north sixteen pole and due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these lots ran due east about one mile which would make the lot thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T265.

The Eastham land owned by Joseph Smith or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about fifty-eight acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.